

**Island County Board of Health  
Regular Session - Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2013  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Commissioners Kelly Emerson, Jill Johnson and Helen Price Johnson; Captain Edward Simmer, MC, USN, Ex-Officio Member; Scott Dudley, Mayor of Oak Harbor; and, Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board.

**Members Absent:** Anne Tarrant, Whidbey General Hospital Commissioner

**Call to Order:** Chair Kelly Emerson called this Regular Session of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:15 p.m.

**Additions or Changes to the Agenda:** Public Health Director Keith Higman asked the Board to consider additional business items: approval of minutes from the Joint Community Health Advisory Board-Board of Health Meeting of May 14<sup>th</sup> and two Health Department contracts for approval. Commissioner Price Johnson moved to approve change to agenda. Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Price Johnson moved to approve minutes from Community Health Advisory Board meeting. Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Chair called for the approval of the minutes of the April 15, 2013 Regular Meeting and the joint CHAB-BOH sessions. There were no changes or corrections to the minutes. Commissioner Price Johnson moved to approve the minutes as written, Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Input or Comments:** The Chair invited members of the public who wished to provide input or make comments to indicate their wish to do so. There were no requests to address the Board.

**Presentation – Opportunity Council-Oak Harbor (Annual Update):** Lisa Clark of the Opportunity Council gave an overview of services: Over 3000 people come through the door at the Opportunity Council. The primary service is energy assistance. Housing services are provided for over 300 households, 20 are in a shelter. Finding affordable housing is difficult. A “Rapid re-housing” process exposes people to homelessness for much less time. The Opportunity Council paid taxes up to \$1500 on elderly and disabled people to keep them in their homes. Seniors are required to pay tax arrears before applying for exemptions with the Assessor. 70% of people stable after arrears are paid for. Veteran’s programs help re-house over 40 households. Opportunity Council is currently working with healthcare WAHAA to provide homeless and low-income participants with healthcare.

**Presentation – Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB):** David Macys, Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB) Member, addressed the Board to present CHAB update. Last quarter was busy with:

1. Health Hero Award Program: 55-60 attendees was a larger turn-out than expected.
2. Assessment of Community Health: focus on local community, not national; decrease in physical activity in our community; working on a plan to make changes on this issue.
3. Analysis of the functionality of the Island County Board of Health

David Macys also noted that an agenda item should be added if expansion of the Island County Board of Health is to be moved ahead. Commissioner Johnson would like to have conversation regarding who would be on the Board of Health. David Macys discussed people types available to Board of Health.

**Contracts:** Keith Higman presented four contracts to the Board for their consideration.

1. Department of Health- 2012-2014 Consolidated Contract  
Contract No. C16886, Amendment No. 8  
Contract Amount: \$ 1,639,271  
Amendment Amount: \$ (15,976)

2. Snohomish Health District—Public Health Investigator (HIV/AIDS Program)  
Contract No. DH-05-2013  
Contract Amount: \$ 1,000
3. Aquatech Well Drilling & Pumps, Inc – WRIA 06-Camano Groundwater Monitoring Network Expansion  
Contract No. HD-06-2013  
Contract Amount: \$ 27,654.91
4. Washington State Department of Ecology--Solid Waste Enforcement  
Contract No. G1200231, Amendment 1  
Contract Amount: \$138,885.33  
Amendment Amount: \$66,666.67


Commissioner Jill Johnson moved that the contracts be approved as presented. Mayor Scott Dudley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Legislative Report:** No legislative updates.

**Report from the Health Department:** Keith Higman reported the newest member of the Health Department team, Emily Maughan; the celebration of CHAB/Health Hero Award was best ever had; warned of 10 cases of salmonella from exposure to live chickens; reported outbreak of rabies in Greece; a Strategic Planning conversation will be added to a future agenda; Human Services will be added to the quarterly reports.

**Announcements:** Commissioner Helen Price Johnson distributed a handout called "Getting a Step Ahead of Falling Down" which discusses fall prevention. She also noted an article of interest from NPR on same-sex marriage. Captain Simmer thanked Dr. Case for his service as this meeting was to be Dr. Case's last Board of Health meeting.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business before the Board; Chair Emerson adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Health will be held on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioner's Hearing Room (B102) in the Court House Annex Building.

Submitted:   
Roger S. Case, MD  
Executive Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved this 19 day of June 2013  
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

  
Kelly Emerson, Board Chair